ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

EXPENSES

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 8, 1843.

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TREASURER'S OFFICE, NOV. 22, 1842.

The committee chosen to reckon and settle with Jacob A. Wright, who has resigned the office of Treasurer of the Town of Westford, submit the following

REPORT.

The receipts by the treasurer have been as follows:

Balance in the Treasurer's hands at last settlement....	$ 146 96
Military money received from the State.....	130 00
Cash received of Luther Prescott, Collector for 1840...	270 00
" " " Eliakim Hutchins, Jr., Collector for 1841	746 00
Taxes paid into the Treasury up to Oct. 1, 1842.....	1,580 33
" " " " " " Nov. 22, 1842....	224 25
	$3,097 54

And has paid out the following sums, for which he has shown correct vouchers, to wit:

On notes against the Town.....	$1,148 22
Discount on taxes paid on or before Oct. 1, 1842.....	78 65
" " " " " " Nov. 22, 1842.....	6 64
Cash paid on orders drawn on the Treasurer.....	1,269 72
Balance due the Town and paid over to Amos Heywood, Town Treasurer	594 31
	$3,097 54

JOHN W. P. ABBOT,
SAMUEL FLETCHER,
JEREMIAH J. CARTER,
Committee.

JACOB A. WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*
AMOS HEYWOOD, *Treasurer.*

Your committee further report, that the Town is indebted to individuals on note, including interest to this date, in a sum amounting to $4,070 51
Outstanding orders 190 94
Outstanding claims, estimated at 160 00

And amounting to ..... $ 4,421 45
Deduct estimated resources 476 44

Leaving a balance against the Town amounting to... $3,945 01

The debt of the Town has been increased during the year in the sum of $1,465 48.

THADDEUS BLODGETT,
ELIPHAZ W. UPHAM,
Committee.

AMOS HEYWOOD, *Treasurer.*

RECAPITULATION

Of condition of the Treasury for the year ending Feb. 8, 1843.

RECEIPTS.

Balance due from Treasurer at settlement ..... $ 146 96
Military money received from the State 130 00
Luther Prescott, Collector for 1840 ..... 370 00
Eliakim Hutchins, Jr., Collector for 1841 ..... 891 66
Henry P. Herrick, Collector for 1842 ..... 1,331 06
Taxes paid in before Dec. 2, 1842 ..... 2,207 55
Cash borrowed 1,965 11
David P. Lawrence, note and interest 31 00

$7,073 34

PAYMENTS.

Notes and interest $1,648 22
Orders drawn on the Treasurer 4,855 92
County tax 365 95
Discount on taxes before Dec. 2, 1842 ..... 97 28
Balance due from Treasurer at settlement 105 97

$7,073 34

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation, $450.00.

John Cutter, letting out bridge and getting advertisements $3 00
Amos Heywood, 6 hours' work breaking out roads in 1840 75

Amount carried forward $3 75

Amount brought forward		$ 3 75
Jesse Hildreth, 51 hours' work breaking out roads in 1840		6 30
James Hildreth, 20 hours' work breaking out roads in 1840		2 00
James Kidder, work on the roads	$1 08	
repairing bridge	50	
250 ft. plank	2 75	
work on the bridge	1 00	
spikes	12	
		5 45
S. & S. D. Fletcher, 88¾ lbs. powder delivered surveyors,		11 55
Calvin Howard, 11 days' work	$13 75	
paid U. Eager for drilling and tools	3 00	
paid J. Stevens for repairing tools	1 15	
		17 90
J. W. P. Abbot, writing contract to build W. Fletcher bridge		1 50
Artemas W. Cumings, building W. Fletcher bridge		240 00
John W. Cumings, repairing road from O. Sprague's to A. Fletcher's	$100 00	
repairing road from W. C. Smith's to G. Harlow's	49 75	
12½ days' work hardening Smith's hill	9 75	
		159 50
Otis Sprague, 2½ days' work with oxen and cart		4 50
Thomas Davis, laying over 17½ rods of wall at 67 cents per rod	$11 73	
laying over 17 rods of wall at 50 cents per rod	8 00	
work done on road by order of surveyor	5 00	
		24 73
Nahum Conant, land taken for a road		25 00
Imla Lawrence, repairing stone tools in 1840,	$1 00	
sharping drills	39	
		1 39
Wm. Chandler, building a bridge across outlet of Flushing pond		12 00
Jacob A. Wright, 10 lbs. powder		1 30
Eli Tower, 15 hours' work in 1841		1 87
Amount carried forward		$518 74

Amount brought forward		$518 74
Jesse Wright, 8 lbs. powder	$1 04	
safety fuse	26	
sharpening drills	40	
blasting stone	3 50	
putting up railing at Sand hill,	1 00	
carting gravel to Sand hill	3 00	
blasting stone and carting gravel	1 50	
		10 70
Timothy P. Wright, sharpening drills and 2½ lbs. bolts,		61
Wm. W. Goodhue, sharpening drills		4 85
Samuel Tenney, land taken for a road		8 00
Trueworthy Keyes, 9 lbs. powder		1 50
Asia Nutting, guardian, for land taken for a road		17 00
Jonas Prescott, letting out and superintending repair of the Plain road	$2 00	
viewing and laying out road by N. Conant's	1 50	
viewing and laying out road by S. Tenney's	1 50	
		5 00
Zaccheus Reed, Jr., services as committee on Plain road	$ 50	
services as committee on W. Fletcher bridge	50	
viewing and laying out road by N. Conant's	1 50	
viewing and laying out road by S. Tenney's	1 50	
		4 00
John Cutter, letting out W. Fletcher bridge,	$ 50	
services as committee on Plain road	2 00	
viewing and laying out road by N. Conant's	1 50	
viewing and laying out road by S. Tenney's	1 50	
		5 50
		$575 90

Excess of expenditure over appropriation, $125.90.

POOR.

Appropriation, $750.00.

Levi Heywood, Chairman of Overseers	400 00
" " " "	350 00
	$750 00

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation, $800.00.

School District No. 1	$145 91
" " No. 2	106 43
" " No. 3	71 91
" " No. 4	79 55
" " No. 5	96 35
" " No. 6	79 55
" " No. 7	79 55
" " No. 8	71 15
" " No. 9	69 47
	$799 87

Balance unexpended, $0.13.

Military money paid to 30 persons	150 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES, COLLECTORS' AND TOWN OFFICERS' COMPENSATION, AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Appropriation, $350.00.

Jepthah Parker, overtax in 1840	$ 70
Abijah Read, Jr., abatement of tax in 1841	1 68
E. Hutchins, Jr. " taxes in 1841	6.36
B. P. Hutchins, " tax in 1840	1 69
Oliver Hutchins, " " "	51
Andrew Fletcher, " " "	1 50
E. Hutchins, collecting in 1841, $800	24 00
George Keyes, abatement of poll tax in 1842	1 50
James Kidder, " " " "	1 50
H. P. Herrick, collector, abatement of taxes in 1842	19 55
L. Prescott, " " " 1840	21 05
H. P. Herrick, collecting taxes in 1842	53 24
abatement of taxes in 1842	11 17
E. Hutchins, Jr., abatement of taxes in 1841	32 16
Avery Prescott, abatement of his son's poll tax in 1842,	1 50
Zaccheus Read, Jr., assessor, 13 days' taking invoice, and making taxes in 1842	13 00
John Cutter, assessor, 13 days' taking invoice, and making taxes in 1842	13 00
Jonas Prescott, assessor, 13 days' taking invoice, and making taxes in 1842	13 00
Jacob A. Wright, town treasurer, 8 months	16 00
Zaccheus Read, Jr., selectman	5 00
John Cutter, selectman	5 00
Jonas Prescott, selectman	5 00
Amount carried forward	$248 11

Amount brought forward		$248 11
J. W. P. Abbot, town clerk		12 00
Amos Heywood, town treasurer, 4 months		8 00
Hosea Robbins, 9 suppers and use of room		2 75
W. W. Goodhue, attending 23 funerals	$9 20	
repairing hearse	2 00	
		11 20
Joseph Hildreth, storing town's guns four years		4 00
Hosea Robbins, use of room and 4 dinners for committee to reckon with the treasurer		1 67
Otis Longley, shingles, boards, and work on hearse-house,		10 00
G. F. Farley, retainer fee in Tyngsboro' vs. town, in 1837		5 00
S. & S. D. Fletcher, paper and blank book	$ 58	
postage	73	
		1 31
J. W. P. Abbot, blank book and paper		1 48
P. W. Hill, boarding assessors 11 days		11 00
J. B. Read, attending 14 funerals with hearse, in 1843		9 52
School District No. 1, for use of hall for armory for 1841,		12 00
N. S. Hamblin, finding and setting stone post	$2 00	
use of stone tools	17	
		2 17
H. P. Herrick, painting, lettering, and putting up 5 guideboards	$3 25	
finding two guideboards	1 00	
		4 25
Isaac Day, mowing brush in west burying ground		3 00
S. & S. D. Fletcher, paper	$ 71	
postage	1 50	
		2 21
J. W. P. Abbot, writing a bond	$ 1 00	
recording 443 births and deaths,	17 75	
		18 75
First Parish, use of meetinghouse up to March 5, 1843,		16 00
Wm. Schouler, printing annual reports for 1841	$10 00	
150 blank highway lists	3 50	
100 notices of births and deaths	1 50	
1000 blank tax bills	3 50	
100 blank school returns	2 25	
		20 75
Amount carried forward		$405 17

Amount brought forward		$405 17
Jonas Prescott, perambulating town line between Groton and Westford		1 00
Zaccheus Read, Jr., stationery	$ 95	
perambulating town line between Westford and Carlisle	1 50	
perambulating town line between Westford and Acton	1 50	
perambulating town line between Westford and Tyngsboro',	2 00	
making out this report	6 00	
		11 95
P. W. Hill, use of house and 6 meals up to Nov. 13, 1842	$3 25	
use of house and 11 meals up to Nov. 22, 1842	4 25	
use of house and 6 meals up to Feb. 4, 1843	3 00	
		10 50
John Cutter, perambulating town line between Westford and Acton	$2 00	
perambulating town line between Westford and Tyngsboro,'	1 50	
perambulating town line between Groton and Westford	1 00	
		4 50
		$427 16

Excess of expenditure over appropriation, $77.16.

EXPENSE OF THE LAWSUIT, HAMLIN AGAINST THE TOWN, DEC. 1842.

WITNESSES.

Joseph Ingalls	$10 40
James Homer	10 40
Wm. O. Wright	10 40
George Wright	9 08
Elizabeth M. Osgood	10 00
Edward Symmes	10 00
Jeremy B. Read	10 08
Samuel Farwell, Jr	9 44
Oliver Woodward	10 64
Avery Prescott	10 00
John Cutter	10 00
John D. Warren	10 24
John Cumings	10 08
Amount carried forward	$130 76

Amount brought forward		$130 76
Alfred Laws		3 76
Phineas Chamberlin		5 24
William Laws		10 00
Abijah Fletcher		10 08
Ira Leland		10 00
Timothy P. Wright		2 00
Mary Byam		10 00
Amos Heywood		9 00
David Whitney		10 00
Nahum H. Groce		9 00
Rosal Read		10 40
Amos Hildreth		3 00
Ithamar A. Beard		10 00
Martin Wright		13 40
Thaddeus Blodgett		5 40
Cyrus Heywood		5 16
		$257 20
J. W. P. Abbot, term fees	$10 00	
cash paid and summoning witnessess	5 00	
attendance as a witness	10 00	
		25 00
H. P. Herrick, summoning 4 witnesses and travel		74
Samuel Fletcher, Nov. 1, going to E. Cambridge to see E. Buttrick,	$5 00	
Nov. 19, going to E. Cambridge to see Counsel	5 00	
journey to Northboro' to see M. Wright	4 00	
journey to Concord to see S. Farwell, Jr	2 00	
4 days spent in procuring and summoning witnesses, including the time spent in survey of the road	5 00	
Dec. 9, 9 days attending Court at Cambridge	18 00	
4 travels	4 00	
		43 00
Ithamar A. Beard, surveying place where Hamlin was hurt	$5 00	
plan	3 00	
extra plan	2 00	
		10 00
Amount carried forward		$335 94

Amount brought forward		$335 94
Edward Mellen, services in 1st trial	$35 00	
attending before Judge and cash paid Clerk	11 20	
arguing law question before Judges	20 00	
services in 2d trial	70 00	
		136 20
aim Buttrick, services in 1st trial	$25 00	
drawing up report on motion for new trial	10 00	
arguing law question before Judges	20 00	
services in 2d trial	60 00	
		115 00
Parker, Deputy Sheriff, verdict of the Jury	$1020 00	
taxable costs	355 23	
officers' fees	18 36	
		1393 59
Amos Heywood, time spent in procuring money to pay the execution, Hamlin against the town		3 00
Zaccheus Read, Jr., attending Court as a witness	$10 00	
going to Lexington to get a witness	75	
		10 75
		$1994 48

Appropriation to pay Town debts, $700.00.

Sarah Richardson, 1 year's interest	$ 6 00	
Parazina Hayden, 1 " "	8 22	
Rebecca Hildreth, 5 " "	31 66	
H. A. Prescott, 1 " " (3 notes)	24 09	
Ira Leland, 4 " "	9 60	
Eve C. Kneeland, 1 " "	6 00	
Amos Day, 1 " "	12 00	
Isaac Day, 1 " "	15 00	
John F. Parker, 1 " " (2 notes)	7 00	
Abijah Hildreth, 5 " "	60 20	
Lucy W. Davis, 1 " "	12 00	
Henry Fletcher, 1 " "	6 00	
Joseph Fletcher, 1 " "	12 00	
Railroad Bank	5 00	
		215 02
Amount carried forward		$215 02

Amount brought forward	$215 02
Transferred to roads and bridges	125 90
" abatement of taxes, etc	77 16
" pay Hamlin	281 92
	$700 00

Westford, Feb. 8, 1843.

ZACCHEUS READ, Jr.
JOHN CUTTER,
JONAS PRESCOTT,
Selectmen of Westford.

THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Make the following Report to the Inhabitants of the Town of Westford, concerning the maintenance and support of the Poor, from Feb. 2, 1842, to Feb. 4, 1843.

Amount of personal property on hand at the poor house excluding farming tools and furniture, on the 2d day of Feb., 1842, as by appraisal	$895 68
Amount on hand Feb. 4, 1843	788 50
Less by the sum of	$107 18

The Receipts have been as follows:

Drawn from the Town treasurer on orders	$750 00
Received of John Abbot, trustee for Samuel Dexter	9 45
of Tyngsboro' for Jacob Read	6 00
of Groton, for Thomas Nuttlng	2 29
for a pair of oxen sold	95 00
95 lbs. butter	15 94
calves and hides	19 07
other produce and labor	28 65
C. P. Kidder by David Whitney's note for support of his child	65 00
	$991 40

And have made the following payments:

Paid bills by Gilbert Farmer, the master, with produce and stock sold from the farm, as by his books and receipts	163 44
Gilbert Farmer, for his services as master up to April 1st, 1842, $250—interest $10 50	260 50
G. Farmer, for cash advanced by him	141 02
Levi Heywood, making out report for 1842	5 00
Levi Heywood, for one day spent with horse and wagon to buy oxen	2 00
P. Kittredge, for medicine for Mrs. Henderson	50
for bill of goods at Charlestown	52 89
for freight on above goods	2 65
City of Boston, for Judith Bennet	11 00
for time and expenses to Boston	5 00
Timothy Smith, 8½ weeks' board for Betsey Boynton	12 75
Mrs. Lovejoy, for furniture bought of her to help her off, $20 and my time	20 75
Levi Heywood, for going to see Mrs. Gardner	1 00
S. & S. D. Fletcher, for goods as by bill	94 40
Levi Heywood, for going to see Mrs. Gardner	1 00
Levi Snow, digging graves	4 50
Joseph Whitmore, for visits and medicine at Poor house	34 50
Joseph Whitmore, visits etc., to Thomas Nutting,	8 75
G. Farmer, to go to Boston after Sarah Charles	5 00
Bela Wright, pasturing cattle	18 47
Jacob A. Wright, for shoes	5 17
L. Heywood, going to see about Jacob Read	75
Benj. Adams, for goods	10 25
Levi Heywood, going after Peter Reed	75
George Fletcher, supplies for Jacob Read	6 00
Levi T. Fletcher, supplies for Patty Dutton	13 69
M. Nutting, for boarding Thos. Nutting 2 weeks	3 00
T. P. Wright, smith work	15 91
Isaac Day, digging graves	2 00
Avery Prescott, for coffins, etc	13 01
Wm. K. Perry, shoe work	4 08
Samuel Temple, boarding A. Witt 12 days	1 81
L. T. Fletcher, overseer	5 00
Bela Wright, overseer	5 00
Levi Heywood, overseer	8 00
Benjamin Osgood, visits and medicines	5 75
	$945 29

RECAPITULATION.

Cash drawn from the treasury.....	$750 00	
Cash received from all other sources.....	241 40	
		$991 40
Cash paid out.....		945 29
Balance in overseers' hands.....		46 11
Due from the town of Acton.....		1 81
		$47 92
Whole amount drawn from treasury.....	$750 00	
Deduct.....	47 92	
Leaves the sum.....		$702 08
Add stock less this year.....		107 18
		$809 26

Which is the whole expense of the Poor, including loss on personal property.

LEVI HEYWOOD,
BELA WRIGHT,
LEVI T. FLETCHER,
Overseers of the Poor.